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Upcoming Meetings

ZOOM scheduled for Apr-Sept. In-person remains unknown due to COVID-19 restrictions. Zoom dates: May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug 4, Sept 1, →Oct, Nov, Dec

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., meeting starts 7 p.m., at the Rockwood Public Library (inside Eramosa Community Centre) at 85 Christie Street (near corner Christie Street and Main Street North Wellington Road 27, Rockwood, On. N0B 2K0.

2021 Annual Membership Fee:

Regular \$10
Couple \$12
Junior (14 to age 18) \$5
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Guelph Saturday Coin Show Dates:

Note: 2021 show dates are tentative re COVID-19 restrictions.

2021-September 25th

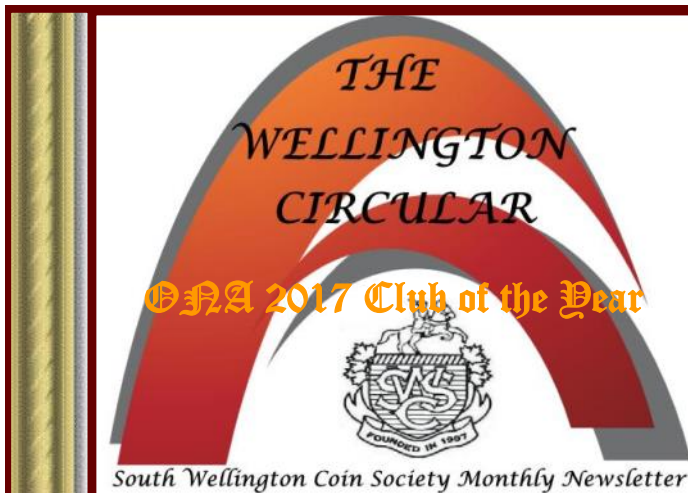
2022-April 23rd

2022-September 24th

Are you attending?

☒ YES, I WILL BE THERE

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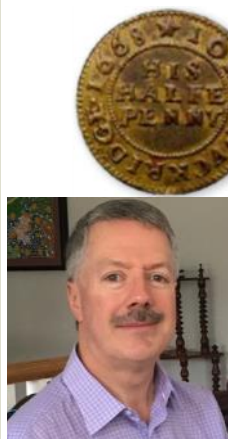
NEXT MEETING DATE:

ZOOM Wed. May 5th, 2021

GUEST SPEAKER:

**Stephen Hyde,
Topic: 17th-Century
British Merchant Tokens**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE



For our **May 5th, 2021**, meeting, we have **Stephen Hyde**, Director of the Calgary Numismatic Society (CNS) presenting **17th-Century British Merchant Tokens**. Here's Stephen's story: "My interest in coins started at a young age in a way many numismatists do, by searching through loose change. The first coin that caught my attention was a 1943 steel US cent. Researching that coin soon led to a fascination with the history of coinage. Collecting started with decimal coins by date but my enthusiasm soon shifted to early Canadian tokens. These were issued by colonial governments, merchants, and banks prior to Canadian Confederation and tell the story of the economic and political life during the development of our country."

"My collection branched into related areas including holey dollars and countermarks on Spanish American coins that may have circulated in North America in the 19th century, and British 17th century merchant tokens, which are the early ancestors of the Canadian series that came much later."

Holey Dollars and Trade Tokens, an exhibition at the Nickle Galleries, was made possible by Stephen loaning his collection, which was also featured in the publication *Money & Calgary: The City's History of Numismatics*. This publication was a collaboration by curator Marina Fischer of Nickle Galleries, the Calgary Numismatic Society, and the University of Calgary. Stephen was also a photographer for the Nickle Galleries Catalogue.

Our April meeting had 22 participants (16 members, 6 guests), and we'd like to more join in for our May meeting.

Our virtual meetings are OPEN to ALL SWCS Members, Members of Other Coin Clubs, and Guests. Upcoming Zoom™ meetings include **James Williston** (Jun 2, Topic: *Part 2: Encased Coins*, the other part of his Feb. 2021 presentation), **Howard R. Engel** (Jul 7, Topic: *Bert Koper (1899-1963) of Winnipeg: A Canadian Numismatic Pioneer, Tragic Hero and Archetype*), and **Michael Souza** (Aug 4, Topic: *Coins & Tokens of Hawaii*).

We are inviting presenters for our Sep-Dec 2021 meetings. Please contact **Scott Douglas** by email sdouglas333@gmail.com or phone 519-853-3812, if you would like to give a presentation.



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in 1997**



How to Join Our Virtual Meetings

NOTE: THIS INFORMATION IS THE SAME FOR ALL OUR ZOOM™ MEETINGS!

Time: 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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September-December 2021 – to be advised

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

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1. Launch the **Zoom** app on your computer.
2. Now, press the Join a Meeting button from the default screen.
3. A pop-up screen will appear that will ask you to enter the Meeting ID or the Personal Link Name to join in a meeting. ...
4. You'll now need to press the Join button from the screen to join the meeting.



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Articles for the upcoming
newsletters are due to the Editor
by no later than one week
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(usually before the 10th).

Advertising space will be
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SWCS:
Was founded in March 1997.



This medal was issued 2015.

**SWCS is recipient of
BOTH RCNA Club of
Year and Newsletter of
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SWCS EXECUTIVE

Term of Office: **July 1, 2021—June 30, 2024 (3 yrs.)**

Board of Directors (elected)

(sets officers' guidelines, but not involved in day-to-day operations EXCEPT responsible for ALL education programs and looks after ALL contracts for venues and insurance)

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(run the day-to-day operations)

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Treasurer: **Scott Douglas**
(includes all revenues generated from membership dues, meetings, and shows; and looks after advertising)

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Other Non-Elected IMPORTANT Club Roles

ALL Multi-Media Needs & Photographer: **John Semedo**

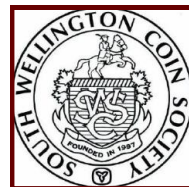
ALL Draws and Membership Meeting Notes: **John Semedo** and **Mike Hollingshead**

Show Bourse: **Mike Hollingshead** and **Lowell Wierstra**
Social Media Show Advertising: **Andrew Fedora**

Auction Chairman: **Lowell Wierstra**
Auctioneers: **Mike Hollingshead** and **Scott Douglas**
Auction Runners: available executive and other members.

Meeting Room Set-up and Clean-up:
All members present

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DREAM
WORK**



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It Started With Jack's Badge!



This badge with a nameplate and ribbon ("medal") came up in a spring CAC Sunday Unique Sale. It's from the American Numismatic Association (ANA) 1969 Annual Convention (Philadelphia, USA), which was held in celebration of the 78th Anniversary of the ANA. Before discussing the bearer's name on the nameplate, let's talk about the medal itself.

The convention medal was designed by US Mint Chief Engraver **Frank Gasparro** and struck in both bronze and silver. The obverse design is a rendition of Lady Liberty reminiscent of the 1781 Libertas Americana medal. The 1969 ANA medal design was to be a prototype for a new small-sized dollar in 1979. However, Gasparro's Liberty Cap design was overruled by Congress and President **Jimmy Carter** in favour of Susan B. Anthony. The Liberty Capped Half Cent of 1793 was among the first coins produced by the newly opened 1792 Philadelphia Mint.



Around the rim of the medal are stars representing the thirteen original states and the legend, 1969 ANNUAL CONVENTION, PHILADELPHIA. The reverse design has an eagle in the central area to represent the USA. In back of the eagle is the newly dedicated Philadelphia Mint with a glory radiating from behind it. To the right of the mint is Independence Hall, located in Philadelphia and representing America's independence. The seal of the ANA is below Independence to the right of the eagle. The top rim legend reads 78th ANNIVERSARY and the lower legend reads AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION. The fourth US Mint in Philadelphia was dedicated on August 14, 1969 in conjunction with the 78th Anniversary ANA Convention.



According to the 1969 ANA Library Archives (written by ANA Member, **Gary**), "There are three medals and two looped pendant badges that make up a complete set of the 1969 ANA convention medals, and all of them were manufactured by the Medallie Art Co. of New York. The pendant badges are struck in bronze measuring 38 and 19 mm in quantities of 2,300 and 500 respectively. The 38 mm pendant is suspended by a ribbon to a gilt-bordered name plate with a rear pin clasp. The 19 mm lady-size pendant (probably for spousal registration) is suspended by a ribbon with a rear pin clasp. Each conventioneer received one or the other badges with their \$3 registration fee. With a total convention registration of 7,722 — not quite sure how this worked out. Separate from the badges is a three-medal set that includes a 38 and 19 mm bronze medal along with a 38 mm silver medal. The inscription on

the edge of the 38 mm bronze and silver medals is that of the manufacturer, MEDALLIC ART CO. N.Y. along with the medal's serial number. Furthermore, the edge of the silver medal also has the inscription .999+ PURE SILVER. The three medals are attractively housed inside a plexiglass holder with a ribbon swatch across the face. The mintage of the three medal set is 400 and the original issue price was \$15USD.

Now let's move to: Jack Roberts — First His Personal Life

Jack was born John Edmund Roberts in Winnipeg, MB, on May 24th, 1911. His Baptist parents were George Edmund Roberts and Annie Thompson. At the time of Jack's birth, George was 25 and Annie was 26 years of age. In looking at his government life documents (birth, census, service, marriage, death), all read "Edmund" but Ancestry Canada has "Edmond" whereas Family Search Canada has both.

Jack's siblings were his sister Mabel (born 1913) and his brother Charles (born 1916), and the youngest sibling, his

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brother Norman. Norman and Mabel moved to Vancouver, BC; Norman stayed in Winnipeg, and we know Jack and his wife ended up in Ontario.

Jack married Margaret McLachlan (1912, Winnipeg, MB-Mar 27, 1982, Ottawa, ON) in St. James, Manitoba, on September 16, 1933. Margaret was the daughter of Anglican parents Alexander and Sylvie McLachlan. Jack and Margaret had two daughters, Shirley (Doug Mossop) and Carole (Keith Lott) and their children provided them with one grandson (Jerry) and four granddaughters (Carolyn, Tracey, Lori, Sandra).

The Ottawa Municipal Directories are not available for viewing online to either Ancestry nor Family Search (unlike most other municipalities), so the exact date as to when Jack moved to Ontario is unknown. It had to have been sometime after the Second World War, as his service record indicates Jack was a Prisoner of War for some years during WWII.

Jack was a passenger on a ship that landed in New York in July 1960 coming from Europe (departed Zurich, Switzerland), and then from New York he flew into Canada, so it would appear Jack did some international pleasure traveling in the later part of his life. We do know he travelled to many numismatic shows and conventions in Canada and the United States. He was a member of both the RCNA (then the CNA) the ANA, and the ONA (that recognized Jack's strong support of the organization in one of its publications).

Jack passed away on December 1st, 1975, in the hospital in Kemptville (about 60km south of Ottawa) at the age of 64. He had fought a long and hard battle with cancer. At the time of his passing, the couple had been married over 42 years, and had been living in Roosevelt, which was called Richmond / Roosevelt and just 6km south from Ottawa and north of Kemptville. Margaret passed away March 27th, 1982 (a bit before her 70th birthday), in Ottawa. The couple's remains are in the Old Urn Garden (ID 155172554) of the Pinecrest Cemetery in Ottawa.

Let's examine Ottawa's organized numismatic history

The Ottawa Numismatic Society / La Societe Numismatique d'Ottawa existed 1891-1894, with **Fabien René Édouard Campeau** as President and **Francis Xavier Paquet** as Secretary. Both were known for striking numismatic cards along with other noted Canadian numismatists of the period. In **Scott E. Douglas's** books, he has written about many of these numismatists and their numismatic cards (including their use of each other's dies).

No records are found for a coin club in Ottawa from 1895-1945 (but that doesn't mean there wasn't any). Then at the end of the Second World War, in 1946 Ottawa Coin Club formation discussions took place, leading to informal social gatherings at residences until a more formal Ottawa Coin Club was established in 1948. We know the Ottawa Coin Club was still in operation in 1955 when it hosted the Canadian Numismatic Association in Ottawa, as club charter no. 1. However the medal for the 1958 convention, makes no reference to an Ottawa

Coin Club – possibly the RCM was the

host. The convention would not return to Ottawa again until 1967.

Records are missing, making it unclear what happened between 1955 and 1962, when we learn of the Capital City Coin Club. Back in this time period, it was not unusual for a club to dissolve and then show up a bit later. Your Editor knows a Canadian numismatic group that in it's 67 years of existence, the Club dissolved three times. This would happen when either the membership lost confidence in the executive committee or the executive committee roles could not be filled or the club ran out of funds to pay for operating costs.

The Capital City Coin Club joined the ONA as Club Member C-19 in 1963, and it was a club focused on the study of numismatics. This club was founded by **Earl Grandmaison**, **Peter Degraaf** and **Jack Roberts** in 1962, and it held its



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inaugural meeting in 1963, joining both the national and provincial numismatic associations later than year. The Capital City Coin Club hosted the ONA Convention in 1964 at the Chateau Laurier Hotel with over 2,000 people in attendance. The Ottawa Coin Club joined the ONA as Club Member C37 in 1964, and likely started sometime in 1962-1964. In 1962-1964 (and possibly earlier / longer) there was an RA Coin Club in Ottawa. The RA Centre provided space to non-profit organizations for leisure activities, so this club held meetings and also had a bourse floor that was open frequently. So at this point, there were three different numismatic groups in Ottawa, and whether Jack was a member of all three, is unknown at this time.

After hosting a convention together, the Capital City Coin Club and the Ottawa City Coin club decided to merge in 1967 and became the City of Ottawa Coin Club. It made a request to the Canadian Numismatic Association that the City of Ottawa Coin Club be allowed to hold the C-1 membership number that was held by the Ottawa Coin Club in 1950 when it was one of key clubs that founded the Canadian Numismatic Association. Jack Roberts made the request to then CNA President **Victor Snell**, who informed Jack that the CNA dropped club chapters in 1956. The City of Ottawa Coin Club hosted the ONA convention in 1980, and the convention would return to Ottawa until 1998, but the ONA did not have a host club for this event. Two of Jack's exhibits won awards during the 1967 CNA convention in Ottawa.

The City of Ottawa Coin Club hosted the Canadian Numismatic Association's 1976 and 2000 Conventions. The 2008 convention was hosted by the Royal Canadian Mint in celebration of its 100th Anniversary, and the theme was Mint Masters. The 2016 was hosted by ONS-SNO.



Later, the name City of Ottawa Coin Club was changed back to Ottawa Coin Club. The oldest online issue of *moneta* (January 2010, Volume 1, Number 1) shows the club called Ottawa Coin Club and founded in 1948, and **François Rufiange** as President. A June 2011 motion was carried to become the bilingual organization Ottawa Numismatic Society / Société Numismatique D'Ottawa (ONS-SNO) and use its official formation date as 1946. The balance of the *moneta* issues that year then show 1946, but, because of time required to complete legal proceedings, the name change does not appear until the January 2012 (Volume 3, Number 1) *moneta* issue. The last issue of *moneta* was issued as the November / December 2013. Then six issues of a new publication *The Journal* would be issued for 2014, and from that point on, the club has not had an official publication, but issued electronic minutes / meeting highlights. The ONS-SNO is recognizing 75 years this year — an anniversary celebration had been planned for the July 2021 RCNA Convention, which ONS-SNO was to host until the COVID-19 pandemic required its cancellation (Ottawa will now host in 2022). There are no known records as to what happened with the RA Coin Club. The reality is,

that for many of the years from 1891 to now, there has been some type of coin club in Ottawa.

This demonstrates the importance of clubs keeping two sets of archival records (in two different locations, whether hard copy or electronic records) tracking the club's milestones, name changes, etc. There is another club that had one set of records and the person in charge of these stored them and the records were lost, due to a 1991 fire started during a robbery.

Now back to Jack—His Numismatic Life



This photo is from Vol. 20, No. 11, December, 1975, issue of *The CN Journal*, which reads: "Jack will be remembered as a dedicated numismatist, an active competitor, and a strong promoter of numismatics. During his promotional work he introduced the hobby to many groups of boys clubs and scouts and other interested beginners. He spent many hours lecturing on the joys of numismatics and travelled hundreds of miles in the cause of the hobby. He participated in no less than 13 television programmes discussing coin collecting."

"Over the past 35 years Jack managed to accumulate a vast collection of Canadian and other coins. The recent TOREX® show highlighted some of the type collection that Jack acquired during this period. One of Jack's goals was to build a first class Canadian type collection and this he accomplished. He received over 50 trophies, medals, ribbons and certificates for his displays, which he showed in Canada and the United States. Receiving the Gaston DiBello Memorial Award in 1973 at the American Numismatic Convention was a proud moment for Jack." (Jack walked the Freedom Trail during this convention, with noted numismatists Jay Pittman, Chet Krause, and several others.)

"Jack Roberts was the first President of the City of Ottawa Coin Club, which merged with the Ottawa Coin Club to host the 1967 CNA Annual Convention. In that very successful gathering Jack played an important role. In 1975 he was appointed Chairman of the 1976 CNA Annual Convention Committee, which will be held in Ottawa. At the recent CNA Annual Convention held in Calgary, AB, Jack received the prestigious Canadian Numismatic Research Society Literary Award for his book *Canadian Centennial Medals, 1967*. This book required over four years of research and preparation."

"In his role as numismatic ambassador, writer and lecturer Jack had no regrets. In the opinion of his fellow numismatists, he has given more than he received. Sharing knowledge with fellow collectors is the ultimate goal of every numismatist and Jack most certainly achieved his goal. Jack will be long remembered by his many numismatic friends."



Upper left—Mrs. Earl C. Grandmaison, her daughter Louise, Jack Macbee, Convention Publicity Chairman, Earl Grandmaison, Convention Co-Chairman. 1967 Ottawa

Going through the ONA Archives of *The Ontario Numismatist*, Jack Roberts is shown as President of the Capital City Coin Club 1966-1967 and then as President of the City of Ottawa Coin Club 1968 (with 1st VP Des Fowler, 2nd VP Bob Clements, Treasurer Fred Nixon, Secretary Ron Miller, and Editor Paul Sullivan). Jack announced the 1969 slate as President Fred A. Dixon, 1st VP H.A. Burton, 2nd VP R.M. Clements, Secretary June Keall, and Treasurer John Orach. At the same time, Past President, Jack E. Roberts, reported that the first three weekly radio programs in the Club's *Coin Collecting* series had been taped. He noted the first meeting of the Ottawa Boys Club Junior Coin Club was held November 7, 1968, in their Club Rooms. Donations of books and prizes for boys in the Junior Club were made by the following City of Ottawa Coin Club members: Peter DeGraaf, A. Winn, H.A. Burton and T. Grossman. The person elected as President for 1970 was Paul Sullivan; and Secretary was Miss R. Keall. Jack would serve in other roles in both clubs, and volunteer to take on any assignment. He was very knowledgeable and the "go-to guy" for information.

The Capital City Coin Club hosted the April 17-19, 1964 ONA convention with Earl Grandmaison as Convention chairman. Bank of Canada Deputy-Governor J.R. Beattie, whose signature you find on many Canadian banknotes, opened the convention. William (Bill) English's Waterloo home was burglarized on April 4th with robber(s) taking the convention medals. Peter DeGraaf held a donation auction to help the ONA Treasury in light of this loss.

At the October 1968 City of Ottawa Coin Club meeting a slide presentation was shown featuring *Hudson Bay*

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Numismatics through the courtesy of the CNA and Jack Roberts provided the commentary. The following month's meeting was at the Chateau Laurier and was a trading night. The City of Ottawa Coin Club was proud to announce that two of its members took prizes at the 1968 CNA Convention in Calgary. Joe Schwarek with *Fenian Raid Medals* and Jack Roberts for *Monarchs of England and France*.

The 1969 City of Ottawa Coin Club's First Annual Coin Show at the Talisman Motor Inn was a great success. Mrs. Norval Parker cut the ribbon to open the show, assisted by Eva Adams, Director of the US Mint and E.F. Brown, Acting Master of the Royal Canadian Mint. When the prizes were awarded the Norval Parker Memorial Trophy was won by Paul Sullivan of Ottawa. First prize in medals and tokens went to Peter Wissen and Jack Roberts won first in the Foreign and Ancient category with a complete collection of *Queen Victoria Great Britain Type Coins*. Jack would win many other exhibit awards in various categories. Jack also wrote under the nom de plume "JERO", for example *The Historic Unity Meeting of December 11th 1967*

Guy Potter moved that all members in the Ottawa Valley who join the new City of Ottawa Coin Club before April 1, 1968, will have their 1968 Canadian Numismatic Association (CNA-founded in 1950, incorporated by Canada Charter 1963) dues paid by the club for 1968: if they have already paid their 1968 CNA dues, the club will then pay their 1969 dues. Life Members of the CNA will have their City of Ottawa Coin Club dues paid for two years, this motion was seconded by Tom Sullivan, carried. The Capital City Coin Club Honorary Life Membership previously presented to Norval Parker by Jack Roberts, was transferred to the City of Ottawa Coin Club.

Much appreciation is given to ONS-SNO member **Wilf Lauber** who dug up a lot of the information relied on here, particularly Ottawa's "blue book". Wilf is a wonderful resource, and the ONA's Indexer.

See the history you can uncover when you search one badge?

Congratulations to all ONA Award Recipients

During the Ontario Numismatic Association's virtual Annual General Meeting held April 10th, 2021, SWCS Members were recognized. **Mike Hollingshead and Sean Sinclair** became Fellows of the ONA and may put FONA after their names. **Scott Douglas** received the Bruce H. Raszmann Award. All three recipients are well deserving of these awards, congratulations! Commencing, Sunday, April 11th, Sean became ONA President, and the areas he served as an ONA Director have been taken over by **Len Trakalo** and **Mike Johnston**.

Other recipients were:

Club of the Year (COTY) Award – **Nashua Coin Club**

Award of Merit – **Harry N. James**

President's Literary Award - **Tom Craig** (Saint John Coin Club) for his article *Canada's First Chartered Bank "The Bank of New Brunswick"*, which appeared in the May-June 2020 issue of *The Ontario Numismatist*. Scott said he doesn't usually do this, but wanted to give honorable mention to three people who have contributed very interesting articles multiple times to the publication: **Sean Sinclair**, **Ron Cheek**, and **Judy Blackman**.

Presidential Awards: **Wilf Lauber** who has volunteered in numerous ways to the ONA, been a great help to Scott, and who also took it upon himself to create a searchable index, which anybody who is a researcher knows the value of; **Cassidy Stroud** who took on the kids stuff when asked, and also immediately accepted when asked to fill the Secretary office, and who has also helped Scott to do his job; and **Chris Boyer** who does so many things behind the scenes to help the ONA, and is a terrific volunteer and support for ONA conventions, and has also helped Scott to do his job; and **Ron Cheek** who not only helps the ONA but many groups Scott is involved in, has stepped in anywhere he could help the ONA and Scott, and who is truly dedicated to advancing the knowledge of numismatics.

Congratulations to all who were recognized!

Canada's First Virtual Numismatic Convention

respectfully submitted by **Scott E. Douglas**

The ONA virtual convention from Friday, April 9 to Sunday, April 11, 2021, was in every way an outstanding success. Starting with the Friday morning ONA Club Delegates' Meeting featuring Calgary's Lisa Dare presenting *ZOOM 101—TIPS AND TRICKS FOR EFFECTIVE ONLINE MEETINGS*, the convention started off with a bang. The Educational Symposium showcased four seasoned numismatic speakers, two on Saturday and two on Sunday. Each day was intermingled with the various ONA regional club meetings, which included each club's specialized speaker and finished with the Canadian Association of Token Collectors on Sunday at 5pm with a great presentation and spirited discussion. During the convention attendees were immersed in numismatics in a pleasing and beneficial way. The event was attended by collectors across Canada from BC to Quebec, the United States from California to New Hampshire and from as far away as Ireland. The diversity of the discussions at each featured event was wonderful.

During the course of the convention I was inundated with positive feedback from attendees, speakers, and ONA members expressing their thanks and gratitude for this event.

The technical side of this Zoom virtual convention couldn't have run smoother and all of the possible problems I had conjured up in my mind beforehand never happened.

If the days proved nothing else they proved that collectors want and need the camaraderie of other like-minded collectors conversing and sharing knowledge even if that meeting place is in the confines of a virtual environment. I am now convinced that virtual numismatic events are here to stay in some shape or form in our future.

Notes & Scrip of Hawaii

respectfully submitted by **Scott E. Douglas**

Michael Souza gave yet another super presentation at our last meeting. Be sure to join our Zoom meeting in August when he shares coins and tokens of Hawaii. Here are some screenshots taken during our April meeting by **Scott Douglas**.



Certificate of Deposit - \$50 ND (1879)

Thank you again Michael
for all that you do for our
hobby!



Certificate of Deposit from 1874



Certificate of Deposit - \$500 ND (1879)



Koloa Sugar Plantation scrip 1839 \$5

Set Your Engines, Another Virtual Convention, AGM, and Auction Are Being Mapped!

Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) President **Robert Forbes** shared, "Preparations are now under way to hold **virtual education sessions** on as many of the topics planned for the 2021 convention as can be arranged. The RCNA will again hold its **Annual General Meeting** virtually, scheduled for Saturday, July 24th. Our **Annual Award Presentations** will follow this year's AGM. We are pleased to announce that there will be an online RCNA Convention Auction this year, planned for August. If you wish to sell material in this auction, please remember that the auctioneer, The Canadian Numismatic Company (TCNC), **will waive their usual seller fees for RCNA members.** Contact Marc or Eric at cpnum@qc.aira.com or by phone (877) 276-8627 for further information. Once again, please keep your eyes open for our usual Convention souvenirs. Last year they sold out very quickly! We will update you as soon as we can on the virtual convention schedule. In the meantime, consult our website at rcna.ca/2021/ for up-to-date information."

As well, this is an election year for the RCNA, and as with any voting privilege, it's important that RCNA Members exercise their voting privilege. All candidates should be present during the AGM, and their profiles should appear in an upcoming issue of *The CN Journal* before the AGM event. Please take the time to review the profiles, so you can be an informed voter, and the voting instructions.

Capture of Mogador, Morocco



This stunning ultra-high-relief medallion is from France, 1855 to commemorate the 1844 Prince de Joinville—Capture of Mogador, Morocco. It was sold in a recent CAC Sunday Unique Sale for \$125 (regular price \$175). The British Royal Museum's National Maritime Museum (Greenwich, London) has this silvered bronze 51mm medallion by Valentin Maurice Borrel (ref. MEC0796). Both medals commemorate the bombardment of Mogador, 1844. Obverse: Bust of Admiral François d'Orléans in uniform (right), legend: 'FR. PH. L.J. FERD. D'ORLÉANS PRINCE DE JOINVILLE,' Reverse: Inscription, in twelve lines, 'LA FLOTTE FRANÇAISE ATTAQUE MOGADOR LE 15 AOÛT 1844. ELLE ÉCRASE LA VILLE ET SES BATTERIES ET PREND POSSESSION DE L'ÎLE ET DU PORT, S.A.R. LE PRINCE DE JOINVILLE, COMMANDANT L'EXPÉDITION,' [French fleet attacked Mogador 15 August 1844, bombarded the town and

its batteries and took possession of the island and the harbour.]

François Ferdinand d'Orléans, Prince de Joinville (14 August 1818 – 16 June 1900) was the third son of Louis Philippe, King of the French, and his wife Maria Amalia of Naples and Sicily. If you have been reading **Wilf Lauber's** column *Lafayette* in *The Ontario Numismatist*, you probably have recognized, as Admiral of the French Navy, François was famous for bringing the remains of Napoleon from Saint Helena to France, as well as being a talented artist, with 35 known watercolours. He married Princess Francisca of Brazil, daughter of Emperor Pedro I and sister of Emperor Pedro II. The dowry received by François upon the marriage became the Brazilian City of Joinville.



Frenchman Valentin Maurice Borrel (1804-1882) was a sculptor and medallist, apprenticed to J. J. Barre (q.v.) at the age of 12. His earliest medals date to around 1830. His son Alfred Borrell (q.v.) also produced medals.

←This medallion is Washington, Lafayette and Kosciuszko "Heroes of Liberty Medal" issued on the death of Lafayette. The obverse is by Emil Rogat and the reverse by Valentin Maurice Borrel, struck by Monnaie de Paris (Paris Mint).

To Keep Ron's "Fishy Theme" Going: Sucker Moon

[Source: RCM 2018 press release]



Sucker Fish Moon: A Ojibwe Story with April as the Sucker Moon (Namebine Giizis). Each month of the year has a different significance to Stellat'en First Nations with May being Sucker Moon, not April, which they show as Pea Mouth Fish Moon. Ojibwemowin 2017 Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission in Odanah, Wisconsin, calendar (published by Industry-Country Today) lists February as Namebine Giizis "Sucker Moon"). So this is very confusing! They all commonly refer to it as a late-winter moon. Regardless, check out this Sucker Run: Music video at this link: <https://musicofnature.com/sucker-run/>.

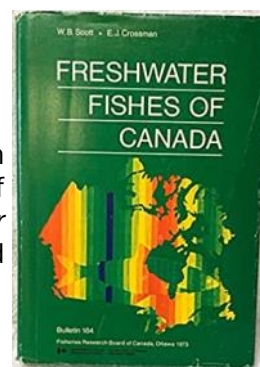
This 2018 coin is the 4th issue in this captivating series of original woodland designs illustrating the 13 teachings from Grandmother Moon according to Anishnaabe tradition, showcasing the most recognizable forms of Indigenous art. The mintage on this .9999 fine silver \$3 Proof coin is 4,000. The coin weighs 7.96g, has a diameter of 27mm and a serrated edge.



Oops, Got a Bite But It Got Away from Me!

Emailed (April 19, 2021) to Editor by **Myron Humeniuk**

Fishing with a baseball bat: Having read **Ron Cheek's** article I must report a taxonomic error which Ron attributed the add-on article to you. Lake Whitefish are NOT members of the Salmonid family of fishes but are Coregonids. Please refer to the Green Bible, Scott and Crossman, *The Freshwater Fishes of Canada*. Regardless a fascinating read of one of the most knowledgeable and enthusiastic numismaniacs of our province. Thank you and stay safe.



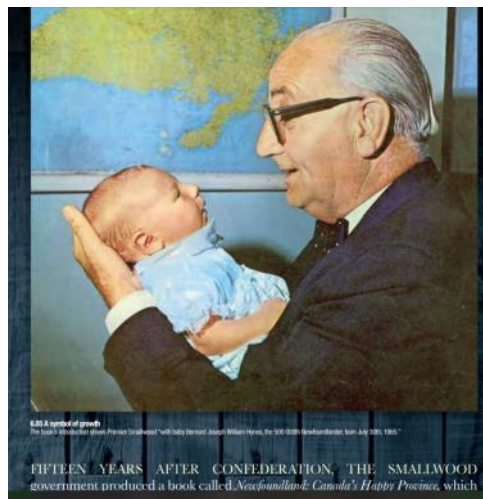
Smallwood Medal



If you caught **Robert F. (Bob) Fritsch's** presentation *The Lure and Lore of Medals* during the 2021 ONA Virtual Convention, you know he included many pieces originating from Canada. Near the end of his presentation, he mentioned this 81mm brass Smallwood medallion, shown by the images Bob provided below. The bottom scroll is decorative only, the medal does not stand on its own. The front features the Canadian Maple Leaf and Newfoundland Pitcher Plant and states 'Newfoundland & Labrador Canada Confederation Anniversary 1949-1989'. The back features the former

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Premier and states 'Joseph R. Smallwood Father Of Confederation Commemorative Medallion'. After searching many Canadian sources, your Editor was unable to find out when this medallion was commissioned and by what party, how many were made, and where were they struck. There have only been two of these sold online in the last decade, whereas there have been many of the smaller 25th Anniversary medals. These images are from the Government of Newfoundland educational schoolbook, *History of Newfoundland & Labrador, Chapter 6: Modern Times*.



Suez Canal



This commemorative medal marks the service of participants and support personnel in the Suez Canal Zone between 1945 and 1957. The Suez Canal revolutionised the trade route from Europe to Asia, which is why it has been the focus of international interest since 1859, when it was conceived.

Although British troops had been in the canal zone since 1945, one of the most recent and significant crises which involved British and French forces in the area came in 1951 when Egypt renounced its 1936 treaty with Britain and British troops took control of the canal. In 1954 Egypt and Britain signed an agreement, suspending the 1936 treaty that provided for the withdrawal of all troops.

In June 1956 Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt and he nationalised the Suez Canal resulting in what became known as The Suez Crisis, which saw Britain and France returning to the Canal Zone. It is to mark such service that the Suez Canal Zone Medal was introduced.

On the medal are two sets of dates - 1951/1954 and 1956/1957 - representing the two most recent periods of unrest and conflict. However, applicants are not restricted to these dates as the medal commemorates service in the Canal Zone. The ribbon represents the involvement of the British and French Forces bordering the sand of the desert and in the centre the canal itself.

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Eligibility: The Suez Canal Zone Commemorative Medal is available to all veterans who served in the Canal Zone between 1945 until 1957, their next of kin or direct descendants. The medal is fitted with a uniquely woven ribbon, completed with a concealed individual brooch bar, ready to wear with pride, not alongside campaign medals, gallantry decorations or in uniform by serving members but separately and distinctively.

- **Medal Edge Engraving:** Your service number, rank, name & initials and regiment or service can be professionally diamond engraved on the edge of your Suez Canal Zone Medal making it an even more personal and precious heirloom.
- **Individually Engraved Clasps:** The individually engraved, gilt clasps, specifically designed to match the finish of this medal to highlight the details of your service are suitable for fitting to the medal ribbon (we recommend no more than three clasps are fitted to The Suez Canal Zone Medal).
- **Medal Presentation Cases:** Store your Suez Canal Zone Medal in the plush lined Medal Presentation Case which can be personalised with your service details.
- **Ribbon Brooch Bar & Suez Canal Zone Tie:** As well as a matching Suez Canal Zone Ribbon Brooch Bar, you can also select an easycare 100% polyester tie which has been tastefully designed with stripes matching the Suez Canal Zone ribbon. Please select the items you require on the application form below along with your personalization details. This medal is supplied on a single pin ready to wear.

Now move forward to 2021, the greatest economic disaster on the Suez Canal. The 20,000 TEU container ship *Ever Given* stuck in the Suez Canal has been fully dislodged and is currently floating, after six days of blocking the vital trade route. The company that oversees the ship's operations and crew, Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement, said 11 tugboats had helped, with two joining the struggle on Sunday, Mar. 29, 2021. The 400-metre-long (1,300 ft) vessel was buffeted by strong winds on the morning of 23 March, and ended up wedged across the waterway with bow and stern stuck in the canal banks, blocking all traffic through the canal until it could be freed. Egyptian authorities said "there may have been technical or human errors" also involved. The obstruction was south of the section of the canal that has two channels, so there was no way for other ships to bypass *Ever Given*. The Suez Canal Authority (SCA) engaged Boskalis through its subsidiary Smit International to manage marine salvage operations.

As one of the world's busiest trade routes, the canal obstruction had a significant negative impact on trade between Europe and Asia and the Middle East. On 28 March, at least 369 ships were queuing to pass through the canal. This prevented an estimated \$9.6 billion worth of trade. On 29 March, *Ever Given* was partially re-floated and moved by about 80% in the correct direction, although the bow remained stuck until the ship was finally freed by Egyptian, Dutch, and Italian tugs at 15:05 EGY (13:05 UTC) and started moving, under tow, towards the Great Bitter Lake, for technical inspection. The canal was checked for damage, and after being found to be sound, the SCA allowed shipping to resume from 19:00 EGY (17:00 UTC) on 29 March. The *Ever Given* vessel was subsequently impounded by the Egyptian government on 13 April 2021 for refusing to pay a reported \$916 million in fees demanded by the government, including \$300 million in "loss of reputation".

What commemorative medals may be issued to acknowledge this event in history? Will the folks who worked to free the ship receive any type of recognition medal?



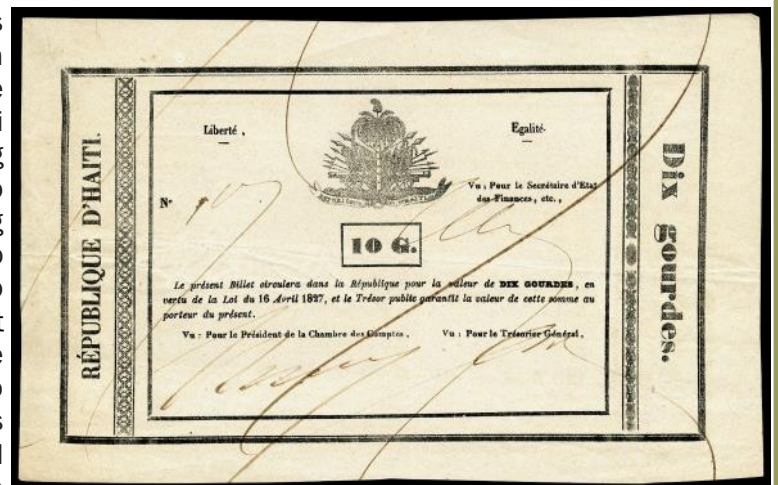
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Your Editor's matron of honour lives in British Columbia and has a son who runs big ships out of England, and since the pandemic, out of Canada. So many things have occurred with this family since the pandemic began, and frustration has really set in. This was sent from her to your Editor along with these meme poster images, "A ship has run aground in the Suez Canal due to a sandstorm and is blocking shipping traffic. They tried freeing it but as of yet, it remains stuck. Here are memes someone wrote in response to an excavator's efforts to free the ship. New endeavours are now being tried. The massiveness of this container ship dwarfing the excavator astounds me."



Haiti's Paper Money [Source: Wikipedia for Educational Purposes Only]

The governments of Haiti issued paper money in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, 100, 500, and 1,000 gourdes. In 1870 the gourde was revalued at a rate of ten to one. Only banknotes were issued for this second gourde, with the government issuing notes of 10 and 25 gourdes. In 1872, the gourde was again revalued, this time at a rate of three hundred to one. In the early years of this third gourde, only banknotes were being issued and the name *piastre* was sometimes used instead of gourde, especially on a banknote issue dated 1875. In 1881, the gourde was linked to the French franc at 5 francs = 1 gourde and coin production recommenced. The peg to the franc did not last but, in 1912, the gourde was pegged to the US dollar at a value of 5 gourdes to the US dollar. Although this peg was abandoned in 1989 and the currency now floats, because of the old link, five gourdes is often referred to as a "Haitian dollar". Likewise, 5 centimes is a "Haitian penny". Indeed, in many places, prices are given not in gourdes, but rather in "Haitian dollars", which must be multiplied by five to convert to gourdes. In 1875, banknotes were issued by the Banque nationale d'Haïti in denominations of 25 centimes, 1 and 5 piastres (equal to gourdes). Following this, banknotes were issued in denominations ranging from 10 centimes to 5 gourdes by the various Haitian governments until 1916, when the Banque nationale de la République d'Haïti began issuing notes. In 1920, 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 gourdes notes were issued, with 50 and 100 gourdes added in 1925. In the 1970s, 25, 250, and 500 gourdes notes were introduced. In 1979, the Banque de la République d'Haïti replaced the National Bank as the paper money issuing body. A 1000 gourdes note was introduced in 1999, to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of Port-au-Prince. A 20 gourdes note was released into circulation in 2001, both as a commemorative (to celebrate the bicentennial of the Constitution of Toussaint L'Ouverture) and as a regular issue. In 2004, the Banque de la République d'Haïti issued a series of notes to commemorate the bicentennial of Haiti. Banknotes currently in circulation are: 10, 25, 50, 100, 250, 500, and 1000 gourdes. Note: The 1, 2, 5, 20 gourde notes are no longer produced and may no longer be in circulation.



Republique d'Haïti, 10 Gourdes (1827)